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1. REPORT ON AMERICAN MANEUVERS IN MOJAVE DESERT MAY HAVE BEEN DRAWN FROM ARTICLE IN TIME MAGAZINE'S AUGUST 27 ISSUE, A COPY OF WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO TUNIS. ARTICLE IN QUESTION DESCRIBES THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MARINE CORPS TRAINING EXERCISE IN DESERT NEAR MARINE INSTALLATION AT TWENTYNINE PALMS. STORY CONTAINS SEVERAL REFERENCES TO MIDDLE EAST.

2. WHILE NOT PLANNING TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON TIME MAGAZINE ARTICLE, WE PLAN SAY FOLLOWING IN EVENT SUBJECT IS RAISED: (A) THIS YEAR'S EXERCISE WAS A TEST OF THE MARINES' ABILITY TO ABSORB RESERVISTS; (B) THERE ARE ANNUAL EXERCISES AT THIS LOCATION TO GIVE MARINES EXPERIENCE IN DESERT CONDITIONS; (C) SIMILAR EXERCISES ARE HELD ELSEWHERE TO GAIN EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER TYPES OF TERRAIN AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS; AND (D) THEREFORE THERE IS NO SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THESE TRAINING MANUEVERS AS FAR AS MIDDLE EAST OR PERSIAN GULF ARE CONCERNED. RUSH

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